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shall carry on their government, have a right to expect those men to attend rather constantly to that duty.

LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT.

The new Legislative Apportionment law is fairly just measure, and the commissions necessitated by the smallness of the Democratic majority, in order to prevent a straggling and possibly defunct majority, to some Democratic as well as to some Republican districts. A bold body insisted on retaining its four members, although it had absolutely no right to them. Its surplus was smaller than that of several other counties, and its rate of increase since 1875 has been only 13 per cent., against 95 per cent. in Kings County, 75 in Erie, 51 in New York, 68 in Queens and 21 in Rensselaire. And yet it has been retained, secured the county an Assemblyman to which it is entitled.

New York and Kings sacrificed themselves each for the sake of harmony. New York has full rate for 31 Assemblymen and Kings for 19. They agreed to accept 30 and 15.

One effect of the large increase of population at this end of the State will be to put the organization of the Assembly, whenever it is Democratic, in the hands of New York and Kings, with the outlying counties. The two cities together will have 15 members, nearly all Democrats. With Richmond, Queens, Suffolk and Westchester the number will be increased to 25. These are almost certain to be a majority of the Democratic side of the House, and thus to have control of all party canopies. Perhaps the rural districts will not be altogether pleased with this, but the people of the State have a right to equal representation, whether they live in crowded cities or scattered in country folds.

The whole state ought to be well pleased to be relieved from a scandalously unfair apportionment which has for years made the Legislature a misrepresentation of the will of the people.

THE CHIRP FOR PUPES AND OTHER PURPORES.

A gentleman on Broadway last night chirped to his poodle, and a young lady walking ahead of him, thinking that the chirp was meant for her, wheeled around and slapped the chirper in the face. He had the lady arrested, but when she learned her mistake she begged his pardon, and chirper, poodle and poodle went their ways satisfied.

There was an exchange of cards between the chirper and a gentleman who requested the lady's name, and the innocent and chirpy little chirp that tickled the night air may yet lead to the perforation of some lady's coat-tails or the loss of several plumage bullets in the overhanging blue.

The chirp is as yet an unforgotten mode of signaling. Many a time it has been construed offensively when it was emitted in the purest innocence of heart. Chirpers who chirped for something else, or merely for the sake of chirping, have suddenly found themselves in a maelstrom of seriously fury because some superstitious creature imagined that the chirp was meant for her.

The trouble with the chirp is that it needs to be codified. There ought to be one kind of chirp for poodles, another for Maltese cats, still another for stopping street-cars and one with allegorical gossamer and florid frills for arresting the attention of young ladies who give heed to such things when promouncing Broadway at night.

A good start could be made from the ranks of the Fifth Avenue madam, who is said to chirp for her maid when she wants her. Built out from this law working in both directions up and down the gamut, and all should be well hereafter in chirping. The best way, however, to avoid scenes like that enacted last night is for a gentleman to nip his chirp and his poodle and leave them at home when he is going abroad for a walk.

CHILDRIL BEHOLD BLUE.

The gallant TOM CHILDRIL asserts that he has in his possession evidence which would prove Mrs. DAYTON spotless and clear from blame in the Berne scandal. He threatens of the Berne scandal do not believe themselves to make the facts public.

Why, the ex-Marshall's face ought to blush the color of his hair to make such an assertion. Has he not proclaimed himself the friend of Mrs. DAYTON in the affair? By what right does he conceal any facts tending to her exoneration and justification? Is it not his first and most sacred duty to vindicate her before the world?

Where did the valiant CHILDIL obtain his ideas of chivalry and the duty of a champion of the fair sex? Surely not in Texas?

MORE "DRUNK CURE" CASUALTIES.

A "drunk cure" patient in New Haven goes on a spree and smashes things, two such patients in Minneapolis commit suicide, another dies in Columbus under circumstances that his relatives have demanded an investigation of the treatment he had been subjected to.

These matters all figure in the record of one day of yesterday. They do not suggest any more than has been suggested by similar cases, more scattered in their development, that have been brought to public notice since first the liquor virus became manifest in the land. But they should strengthen the feeling that a thorough official and scientific investigation of these alleged "cures" cannot be much longer delayed.

Drunkness is a man's weakness. It does lead men to crime. But the public is not quite ready to accept death or insanity as a substitute, even in the smallest percentage of cases, and treatment which can be secured with even the faintest shadow of apparent reasonableness, leading to such substitution must in all public and private interest, be well inquired into.

THE GRANT MONUMENT.

The laying of the corner-stone of the Grant Monument this afternoon by the President of the United States in presence of several of the highest officers of the military, naval and civil service of the Government, of surviving members of the deceased General's family and of an army

of the veterans he led so often to victory will make the day memorable in the annals of the city and will recall to the minds of the people the debt of gratitude they owe to the soldier who did so much to preserve the Union.

The veterans were happily fixed to have been on an anniversary of the birth of the dead General, who was born seventy years ago today. The Legislature apparently is making this afternoon a half-holiday, thus affording the people an opportunity of witnessing the ceremonies.

It is to be hoped that the occasion will inspire the citizens with a new feeling of their duty in the matter of promptly raising the amount necessary to complete the monument and, for its credit to the city as well as in justice to the memory of the great soldier, there ought to be no reservation of the work inaugurated today until the monument is built.

THE CLEANER.

The Harvard men apparently are still celebrating their victory over Yale last summer. The members of the winning crew have been presented by their college mates with miniature golf cars, bearing their name and some data concerning the race.

The many friends of Texas are agreeing with Jay Gould. Dispatches from El Paso say that the little Wizard has entirely recovered from his illness, and that he has gained thirty pounds in weight.

The awful death of Ferris' Engineer Gray and the death to which the passengers were subjected, was a similar case. It was a case in which the pilot was killed and the boat was wrecked and the boat was flying across the river unguarded. Fortunately a disaster was averted by timely discovery of the pilot's death.

Fishermen, I am told, are disgusted with the scarcity of shad in New York Bay this season and threaten to abandon it. So far the average catch has been less than two hundred a day. Last year it averaged between six and eight hundred. The continued cold weather is said to have kept the fish from coming up North.

Two prisoners escaped from the West Tenth street police station the other night and no effort was made to recapture them. Policeman West found a perfume and neatly tied box on the sidewalk and brought it to the station. He opened it, expecting to find some nothing else or other delinquency. To his surprise two large gray rats popped out and disappeared in the night. Now the question that agitates that station-house is: "Who put up the box?"

FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Typographical Union No. 2 of Philadelphia, has donated \$100 to the striking weavers of that city.

The leather workers at the Kiffery Moroco factory, Broadway and Jackson street, Philadelphia, have struck for a raise.

The weavers at the Osborn Mills in Fall River, Mass., are on strike for higher wages.

The Architectural Union of London, England, has elected a new president, Mr. J. H. Stirling.

The House-Painters' Union has suspended payment of the strike benefit to all strikers who failed to report at headquarters every day.

Local unions of wood-workers were recently organized in Tulsa and Okmulgee, Okla., and in San Jose, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento, Cal.

Frank J. of the Laborers' Union, has resolved to resign his membership in the union, and to work for the cause of the laborer.

The cooperative society established by the Cape-Masters' Union of Hamburg, Germany, employed about 100 people last year, and the surplus was used to fund a school.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners of Lancashire, England, has ordered a general strike of all the cotton-spinners of the world, and which will be in effect, to limit production.

The best fathers of Cleveland, O., have formed an association, and announce that they will affiliate all differences arising from demands for higher wages and better hours, but will insist upon being permitted to smoke in the factory.

There is more excitement for union men being unable to distinguish between a good and a bad man, as all union men are good and all bad men are not union men.

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FASHION NEWS AND NOTES.

Velvet Yokes Permit the Wearing of Bright Colors.

Torchon Lace on Cambric and Muslin Petticoats.

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AN OLD SOLDIER'S SUFFERINGS.

HIS FATHERS WHILE IN THE ARMY AND SINCE THE WAR.

Victims of Last After Years of Misery While Fighting Disease—John Bennett, a Veteran of the War, is now suffering from the effects of the war.

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